

**South Carolina Environmental Laboratory Advisory Council Meeting
January 18, 2001**

Meeting called to order at 10:12 am at DHEC Quality Training Center, State Park Campus.

Attendance

Paul Fitzgerald	Joseph Della-Volle
Lee Barnard	Alfred Baquiran
Michael Moore	Michael Bailes
Frances Miller	Charmaine Flemming
T. John Williams	Sam Avery, Jr.

I. Administrative Issues included:

- 1) Representatives welcomed and introduced themselves to the Commercial Lab representative, Sam Avery, Jr. of Rogers & Callcott, Inc. and the Federal Lab representative, Joseph Della-Volle of the US Marine Corps at Parris Island.
- 2) T. John Williams was nominated and voted Co-Chairperson.
- 3) Representatives established a Member-At-Large position which will be filled by Secretary, Charmaine Flemming currently with Petrus Environmental Services, Inc.

II. Old Business:

1) Permitting Issues

Representatives are concerned about new BOD, TMDL, color and/or other permitted reporting limits. The Chair will send an invitation to select DHEC permit writers and enforcement officials for an informal meeting with SCELAC representatives.

Please submit specific permitting issues, such as limits, data flagging, or other concerns to your representatives.

3) Laboratory Certification Inconsistency Position Letter:

Paul Fitzgerald presented the updated position letter about lab certification inconsistencies. The committee approved the new version with a few corrections. Request for specific examples will be publicized at other environmental meetings. A flyer will be displayed at the March 18-22 Environmental Conference in Myrtle Beach. Additionally, Joe Della-Volle will mention SCELAC and its purpose prior to his presentation at the conference. ***Please fax or email specific examples inconsistencies to Paul Fitzgerald of Duke Power.***

- 4) **Microbiology Quality Control:** Council representatives again discussed the weekly positive quality control check requirement for microbiological analyses. Issues of current costs of media, especially for Colilert medium were evaluated. Representatives were Informed that this matter was still under consideration by lab certification personnel.

III. New Business

- 1) **Increased Involvement:** Council representatives agreed to utilize memberships with other environmental committees to enlist more input from the lab community. Minutes will be sent to the WEA regional newsletters.
- 2) **Lab Cert Guidance Documents:** T. Williams will send representatives copies of the Lab Cert guidance documents for review. Representatives will discuss a format to assist lab cert in organizing this information.
- 3) **Proficiency Testing (PT) Issues:**
Representatives discussed the costs of PT samples and concerns about duplication of Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act parameters. It is a costly expense to conduct separate PT tests for the same methodology such as pH, TRC, etc. A position letter will be drafted by Sam Avery to be sent to Lab Certification. ***Please send him any comments or concerns about this issue .***

IV. Adjournment